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§ 1.121(a) as follows:

On page 9, line 10, please delete "polyepetide" and substitute therefor, --polypeptide--.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 18 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) by deleting the bracketed word or words and inserting the underlined word or words as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method for determining whether a compound is capable of inhibiting the interaction of a peptide with a receptor for advanced glycation end product (RAGE), which comprises:

(a) admixing:

(i) the peptide, wherein amino groups of the peptide are inactivated by chemical derivitization,

(ii) RAGE or a fragment thereof which is capable of binding the peptide, and

(iii) the compound;

(b) determining the amount of the peptide bound to RAGE or the fragment thereof, and

(c) comparing the amount of bound peptide determined in step (b) with the amount determined when the peptide is admixed with RAGE or a fragment